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Thanks to Charlie for sending in the tip on this tragic story.

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The resident, a man in his 60s who uses a cane to walk, was visibly upset as he emptied the trash outside his home in the 700 block of Clarkway Drive, near Bonanza Road and Rancho Drive, at about 7:30 a.m. Tuesday.

"I took a human life," said the resident, who declined to give his name. "I'm still dealing with that."

The resident said he awoke about midnight to a sound at his front door. As he investigated, he saw a man kick open the door, breaking the chain lock, he said.

The suspect took two steps inside the house, where the resident waited in the living room with a .45- caliber handgun at his waist. "I said, 'Get the hell out of my house,' and he stood there laughing," he said. "He said, 'I'm going to beat your ass and then I'm gonna kill you,' and he took one more step. Then I shot him."

The resident said he was angry at morning television news broadcasts that claimed there was a scuffle before he fired the weapon. He is currently disabled because of several back surgeries that require substantial pain medication, he said. He had taken his medication that evening, and was in no shape for a physical confrontation, he said.

"There was no fight, no struggle," he said. "I just want to say that he (the suspect) broke into my house. I didn't want to do this."

Homicide Lt. Lew Roberts said the incident appears to involve "a criminal preying on the elderly."

According to a release, police arrived on scene and found the suspect's body in the doorway of the home, with a single gunshot wound to the chest.

Police are still investigating the incident, the release said.

Thanks to John and Wesley for sending in this story!

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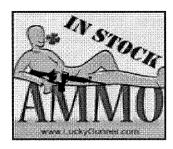


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From WVRJ of November 13, 2009

### Homeowner not charged for shooting, killing home invader

The homeowner who shot and killed an intruder at his home Thursday evening has not been charged and Las Vegas police continue to investigate possible accomplices involved in the home invasion.

The slaying occurred at 1845 Sycamore Trail, near Rancho and Vegas drives, about 5:30 p.m. Thursday.

Police Lt. Lew Roberts said the homeowner, whom police did not identify, didn't know the man who kicked open the door of his home. The men engaged in a scuffle before the homeowner shot and killed the intruder.

The Clark County coroner's office identified the deceased as Mark Matthew McIsaac. The 48-year-old Henderson man died of a gunshot wound to the chest.

Roberts said the case will be reviewed by the district attorney's office.

According to Clark County assessor's office records, the home is owned by Richard Schwartz. A red pick-up truck was parked at the one-story, stucco home today but nobody answered the door.

Neighbor Royce Gubler said he has lived across the street from the man for about 20 years and said there hasn't been suspicious or unusual activity in the neighborhood.

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Roberts said the homeowner and the suspect engaged in a fight in the front and back of the home. He said the homeowner used a revolver to shoot and kill the man inside the home.

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### Intruder fatally shot at LV home

An intruder was shot dead by a resident in a northwest valley home Thursday night.